

## 2008 SCHOOL ELECTIONS

### **JUNE 2008**

**6/18/08** First day to circulate petitions for school election. 20 signatures – (residents of the district required). Clerk shall not count as valid any signature dated more than 90 days before the school election. § 6-14-111(f)(2)

**90 days prior to annual school election.**

### **JULY 2008**

#### **7/11/08 – 7/18/08 Noon Filing Period by Petition Candidates**

#### **7/16/08 -7/23/08 Noon Filing Period – Write-In Candidates**

**7/11/08** First day a candidate can file a petition of candidacy and a political practice pledge with the clerk. § 6-14-111(e)

**7/16/08** First day for a write-in candidate to file a notice of intent to be a candidate and a political practice pledge with the clerk. §6-14-111(g)(1)(2)

**7/18/08** 12:00 Noon deadline for a candidate to file petitions of candidacy for the school election with the county clerk. § 6-14-111(e)  
**60 days before the annual school elections.**

**7/18/08** First day for county clerks to furnish applications on request for absentee ballots for school election. § 7-5-405(a)(1)  
**60 days before the election.**

**7/21/08** Deadline for school board candidates **filing by petition** to file Statement of Financial Interest form (unless filed by an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2008)  
**On the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for the elective office. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A)**

**7/23/08** 12:00 Noon deadline for write-in candidates to file a notice of intent to be a candidate and a political practice pledge with the county clerk. §6-14-111(g)(1)(2)  
**55 days before the annual school election**

**7/23/08** Deadline for public meeting of county board of election commissioners and candidates to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot. **§ 6-14-111(j)**  
**55 days before the annual school election**

**7/28/08** Deadline for (write-in) school board candidates to file Statement of Financial Interest form (unless filed by an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2008)  
**On the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for the elective office. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A)**

## **AUGUST 2008**

**8/1/08** Deadline for county clerk to notify each petition candidate by mail of filing deadlines for pre-election and final reports and to send appropriate forms and instructions. §7-6-208 (c)(3)

**Within 14 days after deadline to file for office.**

**8/6/08** Deadline for county clerk to notify each write-in candidate by mail of filing deadlines for pre-election and final reports and to send appropriate forms and instructions. §7-6-208 (c)(3)

**Within 14 days after deadline to file for office.**

**8/8/08** Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the school runoff election. §7-5-405(a)(1)

**At least 60 days before runoff school election. (10/7/08)**

**8/12/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the school election. §7-5-407(a)

**At least 35 days before the annual school election.**

**8/16/08** Deadline for county election commission to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the school election. §7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

**31 days before annual school election.**

**8/17/08\* DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE SCHOOL ELECTION.**

§6-14-108; 7-5-201(A); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, NVRA

**30 days before annual school election.**

**8/17/08\*** Deadline for State Board of Education to distribute school election kits upon request to county board of election commissioners for the school. §6-14-113(c)(1)

**30 days before annual school election.**

**8/22/08** Earliest date to place demonstration voting machines for the school election. §7-5-509(b)

**25 days before annual school election.**

**8/27/08** Beginning date for school board to begin publication of notice for the school election. (Notice must be published in newspaper once a week for three weeks.) §6-14-109(b)

**20 days before annual school election.**

**8/27/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint a sufficient number of election officials. §7-4-107(b)(1)

**20 days before annual school election.**

## **SEPTEMBER 2008**

**9/6/08\*** Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the school election. §6-14-106 (d)

**10 days before annual school election.**

**9/6/08\*** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to place demonstration voting machines for the school election. §7-5-509(b)

**10 days before annual school election.**

**9/7/08\*** Deadline to apply to register to vote for runoff school election. §6-14-108 & §7-5-201; Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51; NVRA

**30 days before runoff school election.**

**9/9/08** Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for annual school election. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(ii) 7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(v)

**7 days before annual school election.**

**9/9/08** First day for early voting for the school election. §7-5-418

**7 days before annual school election.**

**9/12/08** Deadline for county to county transfer of registered voters. Amendment 51, §10.

**4 days before annual school election.**

**9/12/08** First day to place demonstration voting machines for runoff school election. §7-5-509(b)

**25 days before runoff school election.**

**9/13/08\*** Deadline for the school board to publish polling sites for the school election. §6-14-106(d)

**3 days before annual school election.**

**9/15/08** Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots for the school election in person, or by designated bearer. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(i) and 7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iii)  
**1 day before the annual school election.**

**9/15/08** Deadline for the voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418(a)  
**1 day before annual school election.**

**9/15/08** Deadline for the voter to deliver his/her absentee ballot to the county clerk of the county of residence not later than close of regular business hours. §7-5-411(a)(3)  
**1 day before annual school election**

**9/15/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate a suitable person/persons to deliver ballots to polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)  
**1 day before annual school election.**

**9/16/08 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Third Tuesday in September** §6-14-102.  
**Polls open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.** §7-5-304

**9/16/08** 1:30 p. m. Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter for the school election. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)  
**Annual School Election Day.**

**9/16/08** 7:30pm Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballots (except for overseas ballots) by mail, or by delivery by a designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent for the school election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(A) and 7-5-411(a)(2)  
**Annual School Election Day.**

**9/16/08** Deadline for civilian voters outside the U.S. to sign, date, postmark and personally mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. (Must be received by the county clerk 10 calendar days after the election). §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)  
**Annual School Election Day.**

**9/16/08** Deadline for uniformed services personnel on active duty to execute absentee ballots. (Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m. 10 days after the election).  
§7-5-411 (a)(1)(B)(ii)  
**Annual School Election Day.**

**9/16/08** Deadline for return of all election materials from the polls to the county board by the election officials. §7-5-317(b)  
**Immediately after the polls close.**

**9/17/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint election officials.  
§7-4-107(b)  
**20 days before runoff school election.**

**9/18/08** First day for county board of election commissioners to ascertain and declare results of school board election and file the certification of election and one (1) copy of each ballot with the county clerk. §6-14-115(a)  
**No earlier than 48 hours after annual school election.**

**9/26/08** 5:00 PM. Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballots from voters outside the United States for the school election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)  
**10 days after the annual school election.**

**9/26/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to ascertain and declare results of school board election and file the certification of election and one (1) copy of each ballot with the county clerk. §6-14-115(a)  
**10 days after the annual school election.**

**9/26/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the runoff election. §7-5-407(b)  
**10 days before runoff school election.**

**9/26/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to place demonstration voting machines for the runoff school election. §7-5-509(b)  
**10 days before runoff school election.**

**9/26/08** Beginning day for the school board to publish polling sites for the runoff school election. §6-14-106(d)  
**Not more than 10 days nor less than 3 days before any school election.**

**9/30/08** First day for early voting for runoff school election. §7-5-418(a)  
**7 days before runoff school election.**

**9/30/08** Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for runoff school election. §7-5-403(A)(2)(ii) and 7-5-403(a)(v)  
**7 days before runoff school election.**

## **OCTOBER 2008**

**10/1/08** Deadline for county clerk to submit a certified copy of the certification of election and a copy of the ballot to the Commissioner of Education. §6-14-115(c)

**15 days after annual school election.**

**10/3/08** Deadline for county to county transfer of registered voters. Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution.

**4 days before runoff school election.**

**10/4/08** Deadline for the school board to publish polling sites for the runoff school election. §6-14-106(d)

**3 days before runoff school election.**

**10/6/08** Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots for the school runoff election in person, or by a designated bearer. §7-5-403(a)(2)(1) and 7-5-403(a)(2)(3)

**1 day before runoff school election.**

**10/6/08** Deadline for voter (except for overseas voters) to deliver or to cast an absentee ballot in person with the county clerk or to participate in early voting. §7-5-411(a)(1)(A) and 7-5-418(a) **1 day before runoff school election.**

**10/6/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to select and deliver ballots to a suitable person/persons for delivery to polling sites. §7-5-211(a)(1)

**1 day before runoff school election.**

**10/7/08 RUNOFF SCHOOL ELECTION** §6-14-121 Polls open at 7:30 AM and close at 7:30 PM. §7-5-304

**3 weeks following annual school election.**

**10/7/08** 1:30 PM – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter. §7-5-403(a)(2)(iv)

**Runoff school election.**

**10/7/08** 7:30 PM – Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballots (except for overseas ballots) by mail, or administrator, or designated bearer or an authorized agent for the runoff school election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(A) and 7-5-411(a)(2)

**10/7/08** Deadline for civilian voters outside the U.S. to sign, date, postmark and personally mail absentee ballots to the county clerk (must be received by the county clerk 10 days after election.) §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)

**10/7/08** Deadline for uniformed services personnel on active duty to execute absentee ballots (must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 PM 10 days after the election).

§7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)

**10/7/08** Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the runoff school election. §7-5-317(b)

**10/9/08** First day for county board of election commissioners can ascertain and declare results of school board election (if there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots). §6-14-115(a)

**No earlier than 48 hours after runoff school election.**

**10/17/08** 5:00 PM. Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballots from voters outside the United States for the runoff school election. §7-5-411(a)(B)(i)

**10 Calendar days after runoff school election.**

**10/17/08** Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the election results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots.

**10 calendar days after runoff school election.**

Note: \* These dates fall on a weekend or a holiday. Any deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day. §7-1-108

Arkansas Code referring to complaints filed with the Circuit Court
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§6-14-116. Contest of election.

- (a) If the election of any member of a school district board of directors is contested, shall be before the circuit court of the county in which the school district is domiciled.
- (b) All actions to contest the election shall be commenced within twenty (20) days after the date the election is certified.
- (c) Actions to contest the election of school district officers shall follow the procedures set out in §7-5-801 et seq.

§7-5-801. Right of action—Procedure.

- (a) A right of action is conferred on any candidate to contest the certification of nomination or the certificate of vote as made by the appropriate officials in any election.
- (b) The action shall be brought in the circuit court of the county in which the certification of nomination or certificate of vote is made when a county or city or township office, including the office of county delegate or county committeeman, is involved, and except

as provided in this subchapter, within any county in the circuit or district wherein any of the wrongful acts occurred when any circuit or district office is involved, and, except as provided in this subchapter, in the Pulaski County Circuit Court when the office of United States Senator or any state office is involved.

- (c) If there are two (2) or more counties in the district where the action is brought and when fraud is alleged in the complaint, answer, or cross-complaint, the circuit court may hear testimony in any county in the district.
- (d) The complaint shall be verified by the affidavit of the contestant to the effect that he believes the statements to be true and shall be filed within twenty (20) days of the certification complained of.
- (e) The complain shall be answered within twenty (20) days.